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Fleece To Fashion Awards - Local Winner!

2022 Fleece to Fashion Awards were held at Deeargee Woolshed in Uralla on Saturday night. Dechen Kendro (a Year 10 student, who has been accelerated and is currently studying Textiles and Design for her HSC at Uralla Central School) entered the school section of the competition. The competition requires the entrant to utilise wool as the major component of their designs. Dechen designed a Chanel inspired suit that included a pair of cream wool pants, cream embroidered wool top, pink wool swing jacket and a pink wool cloche style hat. The designs were judged by international renowned fashion designers Akira Isagowa, Jonathan Ward and Fashion journalist Melissa Hoyer. All entries were part of a fashion parade on Saturday night utilising local school students as models for the guests to appreciate the fine work and creativity of all entrants. The evening was attended by 350 people including politicians, business executives, sponsors, wool industry officials, local wool producers and members of the public. The evening culminated in the announcement of the winners. Dechen was awarded first place in the school section of the awards and then was announced as the winner of the MJ Bale Supreme Entry.

Congratulations Dechen. We are so proud of you!

Students studying Stage 6 Textiles and Design and their teachers took advantage of an amazing opportunity to have a Q & A session with Akira Isogawa, Melissa Hoyer and Johnathon Ward on Saturday 7 May in Armidale. The event was made possible through the NSW Department of Education Educational Pathways Program and Fleece to Fashion 2022. Akira Isogawa is one of Australia's most celebrated and critically acclaimed designers. Born in Kyoto Japan, Akira moved to Sydney in 1986 studying



DRG woolshed all lit up! Photo courtesy Michael Hull

fashion design at the Sydney Institute of Technology. Akira is renowned for his contemporary aesthetic, drawing inspiration from traditional Japanese design. Jonathan Ward is one of Australia's most prominent designers and is recognised for his innovation, creativity & vision. He has upheld a longstanding career in the Australian fashion landscape with over three decades in the business. Melissa Hoyer, fashion & social director for the Daily & Sunday Telegraph for over 20 years and editor-in-chief of Rouge magazine is a journalist, travel writer, media commentator and 'influencer'. This was a fantastic opportunity for our rural students to have access to designers of this calibre. Having been able to have personal conversation with them will no doubt add depth to responses in their HSC exams and it was inspiring to hear that even though they may have faced setbacks, their passion for fashion and remaining open to opportunities and change had enabled longevity in the industry.

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While Robert Bell is away for a few weeks this column will be filed by Bob Crouch, Deputy Mayor. Bob became a Shire resident in 2002 when he and Pauline bought "Sentry Box" Bundarra. Five years ago, they moved to Rocky River. Bob was first elected to Council in 2012 and has served 7 years as Deputy Mayor. While Robert is away, Bob will give you a different perspective on Council and life by providing his personal views on matters concerning Council and ratepayers.

I was really pleased to be presiding at the council meeting when we approved the request from the Porter Family to place a memorial seat, plaque and trees in Porter Park to commemorate in perpetuity the contributions of Juliane and Noel Porter to the Uralla community. Volunteers are special, and none more special than those with a vision and a drive. As well as being very active in the wider community, Juliane and Noel worked tirelessly to restore and develop the land along Uralla Creek.

Porter Park was named in their honour in recognition of their contribution.

Last week I represented the Council at the Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting for Armidale Police District. This committee brings together different levels of government, councils and community to collectively address community policing issues. Armidale police give a report on crime statistics for the last couple of months (much lower in this part of the State than a lot of others) and we get the chance to raise local issues and look to improving community safety.

Key issues: theft from houses and motor vehicles, and fraud, particularly computer and phone scams.

So, remember:

1. To LOOK, LOCK, LEAVE

Be observant, lock your house and/or car before you leave

2. If an email or message looks dodgy it probably is.

If it is requesting money, or personal information, or asks you to click on a link, don't, unless you are absolutely sure it is legitimate. Double check the email address and use a second point of identification such as ringing the recipient on the number you know, not one from within the email or message.

Some locals have been caught by very legitimate looking emails, so be very careful.

On Saturday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Fleece to Fashion gala event at Deeargee Woolshed. Not as a participant or part of the dinner crowd, but as a member of Diggings Rural Fire Brigade, doing crowd control, parking management and fire suppression (keeping the smokers at a safe distance from the shed and standing by in case we were needed). We had a great night outside around gas heaters on the coldest night so far this year. Dressed in full fire gear including flash hoods and thick coats we sympathised with those in very attractive evening gowns and dinner suits, having dinner and watching the parade in a well-ventilated wool shed

near a creek, near Uralla, in early May.

It is great to see an event like this return to Uralla, the heart of fine wool production. It is also great to see the links between the raw product and the final wearable articles reinforced. Congratulations to the organisers.

Hawthorn Drive trees and biodiversity. A few weeks ago, Council started work on widening and resealing the second section of Hawthorn Drive, part of the main access route from Invergowrie to Uralla. This is a favourite route for bike riding between Armidale and Uralla. Hawthorn Drive has a fairly narrow road reserve and as part of the construction a number of trees were marked for removal.

Once the crosses went up on the trees the phone calls and emails started.

As always there are two sides to every story. There is no doubt trees beside roads are a hazard. People are killed every week by cars running into trees near roads. A regular TV advertisement shows what a microsleeper leading to a deviation of a matter of metres combined with a tree near a road can do. Some people would like us to clear every tree in every road reserve.

The other side: Roadside reserves with a history of limited grazing and limited clearing are valuable wild life corridors and refuges. Hawthorn Drive reserve contains trees that would be well over one hundred years old with a number of significant hollows for nesting sites and homes.

There is a downside here, in that when cars and wildlife mix, the outcome is not good.

In response to representation from our community the issue was discussed with council staff. As a result, the need to remove some of the trees was reviewed and the clearing plan modified to retain as many of the trees, particularly the older trees, as practicable, while enabling the road construction to continue.

I particularly want to thank our council engineering staff for putting in the time and effort to reconsider their plans. I also have a very special thank you for our community members who brought this to our attention and who work tirelessly to protect our flora and fauna. I recognise we can do a lot more for our wildlife. To work with both these groups to maintain road safety and preserve more of our critical habitat is a rewarding and learning experience.



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ZNET Uralla Launches

WoW Project

Re-thinking waste:

Waste is a fast-growing problem, with Australians generating around 76 million tonnes of waste each year*. So, what can we do about it?

Community group ZNET Uralla is taking a locally-led approach with its Working on Waste (WoW) project, which kicks off this week after securing almost \$20,000 in funding through the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal's program Strengthening Rural Communities.

ZNET will collaborate with fellow community groups including Uralla Co-op, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, CWA and The Men's Shed to host a series of free workshops that will help to equip the average person to be part of the solution to the waste crisis.

Working on Waste aims to reinvigorate the arts of mending and repair, as well as upcycling, repurposing and recycling. "WoW will empower people to 'do it themselves' to make a real difference to waste in our Shire. We can't keep filling up our landfill at the current rate," said Carol Shantal, who is leading the project.

"Rural communities have always been great at making or mending, and this program will help to invigorate, build and pass on this knowledge," she said. "All the while helping to reduce the rising cost of living."

Starting with a series of sewing and mending workshops, ZNET wants to tackle the problems of fast fashion that generates more than 92 million tonnes of clothing waste annually** across the globe.

"Sewing on buttons, altering a hem, are small actions that can put a favourite item of clothing back into circulation. We'll be sourcing clothing and fabric from the Uralla Co-op for further workshops, too, to upcycle and give these materials a new lease of life," said Carol.

Wood working, mending tools and bike repair are other workshops in planning.

The big issue of food waste will also be addressed through learning about composting, growing gardens, preserving excess food and understanding the value of eating food that is locally produced.

A screening of the short film Regenerating Australia will also be held at McCrossin's Mill on Tuesday 14 June at 6pm followed by a discussion and refreshments.

"Thanks to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal and its program sponsor Peppers Australia, these events will be free for community members," said Ms Shantal.

Visit znet.uralla.org.au/waste or [facebook.com/zneturalla](https://www.facebook.com/zneturalla) for details, or check in the windows of your local shop.

To book into 'Sewing for Beginners' - Saturday 11 June or 'Mending made Easy' - Saturday 25 June please email coordinator@zneturalla.org.au or call 0423 514 653.

ZNET is also running its popular 'Curtain-Making' course on Saturday 4 June to help Uralla Shire locals keep their

homes warmer in winter while, at the same time, saving money and reducing energy consumption. Bookings are now open for this free workshop as well.

*<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/environment/environmental-management/waste-account-australia-experimental-estimates/latest-release>

**<https://www.globalfashionagenda.com/publications-and-policy/pulse-of-the-industry/>

Carol Shantal
President
Uralla ZNET



Kevin Douds volunteers at Uralla Co-op to help give building materials a second life.



Uralla Co-op volunteers Phyllis Khan and Carol McManus sort donated textiles for reuse.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

Kent Mayo in the last issue 88 of "the Wordsworth" hit the 'nail on the head' when he commented on the Council's (not Councillors) excuse of a 'misunderstanding' in the demolition of the old picnic shelter in the 'restoration' of Fuller Park. When will Council understand that a 'misunderstanding' is usually a 'mistake' and deserves an apology to the Fuller family? (hopefully printed in the "Wordsworth")

The 60+ year old memorial picnic shelter should have been retained and two more erected on site. The Park, bounded by the Highway, East and Dumaresq Sts, is dedicated to Arthur Gordon Fuller (1908 - 1962) a talented and keen gardener and worker for Uralla Shire Council!

Council's Heritage Consultant, Mitch McKay, in the Armidale Express of the 8th July 2016, urged residents with information on the history of Fuller Park to contact Council. I wonder if this 6 year old information has been recovered from the archives?

Mitch McKay was aware that the park won a Sydney Morning Herald Garden Award in 1971. Council, under Arthur Fuller's supervision, should have old photos of when the award occurred and even photos of when all the plants and flowers were in bloom!

It's not too late for Council to publish a plan of the total proposal for this park as a matter of transparency for the community.

On a further note Kent Mayo states that Council has not sought comments from their Heritage Consultant on the 1885 Uralla Court House at 9a Hill Street. Here I give a 'star' to Council as their Heritage Consultant on the 3rd March 2020 submitted an advisory memo no. 77 to Council. This covered

- (a) The Heritage Status of the Uralla Courthouse
- (b) The Historical value of the Courthouse
- (c) Any legal constraints on the re-development of the building.

A detailed reading of this 6 page report refers to 'Adaptive re-use' and the care required in respecting the high quality interior detailing which is well photographed by the consultant.. Council's LEP Schedule 5 also has a comprehensive State Heritage Inventory Report on the Courthouse.

Don't be "dismayed" Kent, - there is hope yet!

Gordon Fuller
Uralla resident
Heritage Consultant

Please note: Gordon is not related to other Fuller residents in Uralla, having "tree-changed" from Sydney in 2016.

Dear Editors,

I'm so disappointed in our council. Discussions and alternatives with council, plus emails from the groups president were had concerning 100+ year old trees with up to 9 hollows being destroyed due to Hawthorn Drive widening although some electricity poles will be spared, (too costly to move so we will go around them). Instead of informing Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers when the trees were being felled they just went ahead and knocked them down with nobody there trained to rescue, relocate or euthanase critters that were displaced and injured.

We are your local group, unpaid, well trained, licenced by NPWS to care for native fauna. We pay our own expenses for food & equipment etc but nobody took the time to ring us.

Sugar gliders, possums, micro bats all live in tree hollows, parrots need hollows to breed as do other bird species.

Uralla a compassionate council? I don't think so.

Ignorance of endangered species is why we are where we are today, holding the worlds record for extinction of our native wildlife.

Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carer's also asked for the Environmental Assessment and our council told us we had to go via the Freedom of Information Act. Really!!

If you are upset by council's actions in this incident then please email/phone them and make them aware that our community does care about the native fauna that we have and rare 100+ year old native trees.

Jacque Maisey, Uralla Shire resident

Dear Editors,

I support teachers who walk out of school when Adam Marshall M.P. visits. His statements of righteous indignation at the plight of teachers and nurses ring hollow to me, given that their plight was exacerbated on his watch while a cabinet minister, until the current Premier recognised his true worth.

I don't believe that returning government revenue as small grants to the communities which provided it, justifies the fawning attitude toward him that I sense in these pages.

I live in hope that a strong, powerful and independent woman will challenge him at the next election.

John Sutherland, Uralla resident. B. Teach, UWS

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,
Prime Minister Morrison's mantras of "Can-Do-Capitalism", "Jobs And Growth", and "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs" are insidious, and arrogantly unsustainable. Australia has succumbed to a rampant culture of rapacity, of selfishness, of greed.

The consequences?

The unbridled, opportunistic exploitation of finite resources without a thought for the future; destruction of the natural environment, and our unique flora and fauna; utter disregard for the universally accepted science of Climate Change; Growth dictated by profiteering developers rather than Scientists, Environmentalists, Educationalists, Philosophers, or the Arts; once liveable cities spreading swathes of commuterlands of homogenised suburbia across agricultural lands and flood plains; vast coal holes, forever beyond rehabilitation, in fertile land; slave labour disguised as casual employment; volunteerism diminished; Corporatisation of Councils, Health, Education, and Aged Care; wilful degradation of the Public Schools system; grossly overpaid CEOs who can't even replace the washer in the leaky kitchen tap but worship the fallacious "trickle-down-economy"; the Housing Market smashed by usurious Investors gaming the warped system; the obscene Polarisation of Wealth; our proud egalitarianism reduced to a myth;

families who can't afford to buy shoes, let alone boater hats, to send their kids to school.

This has become all so utterly shameful that we should weep, then dry our eyes and do something about it.

At the ballot box.

Kent Mayo
Uralla resident

COVID Vaccine Clinic

Uralla Medical Centre will open for a COVID Clinic on **Sunday the 22nd of May, 2022.**

This is an opportunity to get your 2nd, 3rd or 4th dose of Covid Vaccine.

The Uralla Medical Centre is located at 22 Hill Street, Uralla.

Bookings are essential. To book online - <https://urallamedicalcentre.com.au/blank/>

For further information, please phone the friendly staff, 6778 4500.

Thank you
Dr Ricardo & Staff
Uralla Medical Centre

N.S.W. Dine & Discover Vouchers Expire Soon

The NSW Government launched Dine & Discover NSW to encourage the community to get out and about and support dining, arts and recreation businesses. NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 6 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$150 in total.

Time is running out for Dine & Discover NSW vouchers, which **expire on 30 June 2022.** For more information call **13 77 88.** Browse NSW Government rebates and vouchers here; <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/savings-finder>



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Request a copy of our concerns brochure for more details by emailing kentuckyactiongroup@gmail.com

For more information contact kentuckyactiongroup@gmail.com or Marilyn on 0473 656 561
Friends of Kentucky Action Group are members of Red4NE Inc.

Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or meeting for the Uralla Shire

Please check with Event Organisers about the Status of Listed Events

Uralla Rotary Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6.15pm at Uralla Bowling Club, dinner optional after meeting

Uralla Lions Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

Uralla Fire & Rescue meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am at CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship and Johnno's (kid's programme) in Park Street

Uralla Hospital Auxiliary meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm, CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Show Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds

Uralla Shire Business Chamber meets 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

Uralla Town & Environs Committee meets on the second Monday of each quarter from 6-7pm in the Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Uralla Tennis Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Free court hire, Go to www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/ Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Saturday 9am – 10am.

Uralla Auto Club Inc. meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Club.

Uralla Red Cross meets on the first Friday of each month at 2pm in the CWA rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street, all veterans welcome.

Uralla Women's Bowling Club 10am Wednesday for Club bowls. Mixed Social Bowls on Sunday mornings, all welcome, Bistro lunch available.

Uralla Historical Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm at McCrossin's Mill

Uralla Men's Shed is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, 18 Uralla Street North, (just off Thunderbolts Way, top of Alma Park) Ph 0419 151 253, e urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00 this includes morning tea

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 10am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : office@unc.org.au Donations welcomed.

Uralla Brewery Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5pm at the Brewery

Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla) meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 3341

High Country Markets are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from 8am until 12.30pm at the Uralla Showground

Events for May - July

Thunderbolt Energy Hub Public Forum

Tuesday, 17 May, 5:00pm at the Uralla Council Chambers, Salisbury Street, Uralla

Snez Musica, Saturday 21st May at McCrossin's Mill Museum. Ph: 6778 3022 to book tickets

Uralla Shire Council, Ordinary Council Meeting, 9:30 am, Tuesday 24 May - Council Chambers

High Country Markets, monthly fresh produce and product markets. Sunday 5th June at Uralla Showground, 8 King Street Uralla - 8.30am - 12.30pm

Poultry Auction, Sunday 5th June at Uralla Showground.

Auction starts at 9.30am, if selling stock book in from 7.30am
Cars n Coffee, Piccadilly, Hill Street, Uralla, Sunday, 5 June 9am - 12.00 midday. \$5 per vehicle, registration from 8.30am

Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 14 June, 12:30 - 3:00pm

Uralla Shire Council, Ordinary Council Meeting, 9:30 am, Tuesday 28 June - Council Chambers

Wintery Weekend Wondrous Workshops - Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July. Bookings www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au

Barry Morgan's World of Organs - Thursday 21st July from 8.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club. Bookings www.stickytickets.com.au



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Hello Dolly!



Who'd believe it? A collection of four thousand (yes, 4000!) Australian-made dolls is looking for a permanent, loving home in Uralla!

The owner of this unique collection says she is very aware of Uralla's reputation as "a tourist attraction" and would therefore like her dolls to be on show where they are guaranteed an appreciative audience, and "Uralla is just perfect."

This generous offer has been made to Uralla Historical Society. However, the Committee has decided that McCrossin's Mill Museum does not have the space that this very special collection deserves. Nor does it have the human resources to manage a new museum, because of the sheer load of operating the existing Museum and Function Centre, especially when everyone involved is a volunteer. It's virtually a 24/7 commitment for some.

"Having this doll collection professionally displayed in Uralla will be another 'must see' for visitors", said Kent Mayo, Hon Museum Director. "What's so special is that the dolls are all Australian-made, and each one is dressed not only in the style of the day, but in the very fabrics suitable to that particular era . . . so a lot of work and attention to detail has gone into this."

Fortunately, McCrossin's Mill can supply some quality showcases, and its experienced team can provide assistance with exhibition design, lighting, text panels, labels etc. However, an appropriate venue has to be found first, ideally a ground floor space in town.

There may well be an established organisation in Uralla

that will take this project on, especially as it could provide a steady income from admission fees. Alternatively, perhaps a new not-for-profit organisation could be formed.

"Of course, there would be rent and operational costs to be met", Kent explained, "but a museum called, let's say for example, "Hello Dolly!", would certainly appeal to visitors and be another jewel in Uralla's crown. (Or in Dolly-Speak, "a sparkle in the tiara.") This remains an opportunity Uralla should not let go by!"

Anyone with bright ideas about a venue or how best to operate the venture might like to contact Kent on 0421 087 574 (b.h.)

Ann Hacker

Publicity Officer, Uralla Historical Society

An advertisement for Adam Marshall MP. It features a portrait of Adam Marshall, a man with glasses wearing a dark suit and a blue and white striped tie. The background is a green and yellow landscape. The text reads: "ADVERTISEMENT", "Proud to be your representative in NSW", and "Adam Marshall MP your Member for Northern Tablelands".

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UCPSA Celebrates

Mother's Day At Bundarra

Last Monday the Uralla branch of the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association celebrated Mother's Day in style at the Bundarra Commercial Hotel. Fourteen members of the Uralla branch (locally known as the Combined Pensioners and Seniors Group) travelled by bus through some magnificent countryside, enhanced by all the wet weather we have been having lately. But God was good to us that day; not a drop of rain to be seen. Instead, we saw trees bursting out of their bark skins, birds flying across a clear sky, farm animals lazing in grassy paddocks, and the odd snake sunning itself on the roadside.

Closer to Bundarra, as we crossed the Gwydir River, we saw people and caravans spread out along the river bank in the free camping area available at the old Emu Crossing; a beautiful spot with camping and picnic facilities between the gumtrees and well maintained by the local Lions Club and Council. As we gained the outskirts of Bundarra, we were regaled by the beautiful autumn colours in the town's gardens and streetscapes as we drove down the main thoroughfare. A stunning sight to behold.

Publican Ruth warmly welcomed us to the wonderful old Bundarra Hotel, currently undergoing a facelift. What she has managed to achieve so far is truly amazing. There's such a wonderful ambience about the place! We were simply taken aback by all the wonderful plants, artifacts and quirky knick-knacks set here and there throughout both the inside and the outside of the building. Not to mention all the thought-provoking sayings scattered around the walls.

Our utterly delicious lunch, set in the hotel's spacious, fully covered outdoor area, was a delight to consume. We are very appreciative of the way we were so ably looked after by Ruth and her wonderful staff. And that dessert was heavenly. We will definitely be back!

It goes without saying we all had a truly wonderful Mother's Day Celebration!

Pauline Crouch, Member CPSA Uralla.



UCPSA Celebrates Mother's Day at Bundarra

Harmony Bells

If you've been past the preschool recently, you've probably heard the sound of the new harmony bells in the Uralla Preschool playground. The Harmony Bells are the newest addition to the outdoor play space, with thanks to the \$5000 UPC Solar grant making this possible.

The Harmony Bells are a quality outdoor product that are made in England boasting beautiful craftsmanship.

In the shape of three brightly coloured tulip heads, each tulip and each layer of the tulip head offers differing harmonies - tone and pitch.

The educators at the preschool have been thrilled to witness the children discovering the layered sounds in which they have identified higher and lower pitch. "It has surprised me that they picked up on this straight away" said one educator.

This is such a great way to introduce a child's musical journey as they learn to listen to the subtle differences. The brightly coloured tulips emit a pleasant sound that all children have enjoyed exploring as they try to play and sing their favourite tunes with their peers.

This has been such a wonderful addition to the preschool that will be experienced by the children of Uralla for many years to come.

Anne Percy, Uralla Preschool Director



Uralla Preschool Harmony Bells

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Pam's Day

Today people from all over the New England and Northern Tablelands gathered at the Uralla Bowling Club to remember their late mother, friend, and fellow bowler Pam Westbury. It's not often that someone has such an impact on so many people over many years in many different walks of life as Pam did.

This was evident today in the turnout to honour Pam at the inaugural Pam Westbury Memorial Trophy, where representatives from the many bowling clubs whom Pam had previously played with or against, all came together to play one of her favourite events, a game of Triples!

Pam looked down from above and tested us with cold blustery conditions, misty rain and a somewhat soggy green. We persevered as much as we could, some more valiantly than others. But eventually with the rain setting in, we gave in to the biting cold and wet conditions and retired to the clubhouse, and joined those who had opted for carpet bowls indoors.

Following a lovely lunch, we got down to the official part of the day, where members of Pam's family pinned her name badges to the memorial board on the wall, right next to the Honour board which bore Pam's name repeatedly listed as winner of many varied events, at all levels of play.

Why, I counted her listed as Club Champion 17 times! That's quite an achievement.

One of the lovely things I saw today which shows the pride Pam's family took in her success in bowls was the creation of two bowling teddies clad in a miniature version of Uralla's uniform of burgundy and gold and both showing off some of the badges that Pam earned during the time she played for Uralla, and the New England District. She also competed at Region and State level.



Two teddies wearing some of Pam's collection of badges.

Several of the visiting bowlers made a point of speaking of their memories of Pam over the years and the skill and enjoyment that she brought to the game.

As this was the first of a planned series of Memorial Trophy events where we will continue to honour Pam every few years, we awarded this inaugural event to a combined team from Walcha and Uralla, where the winner this year was drawn from a hat. The very new trophy was drawn from a hat. The very new trophy was presented by Daniel

Westbury, one of Pam's sons. Lindsay Ward also pinned the badge belonging to his mother Helen Ward to the remembrance board. Helen was a long-serving member of the Uralla Club from its inception in 1950 to July 2021.

Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer, UWBC



Left to right: Pat Laurie, Janice Rizzi (Walcha) and Debbie Vandenberg (Uralla) receiving the winner's trophy from Daniel Westbury.

New Toilets At Uralla's Wooldridge Reserve

Amenities at one of Uralla's most popular free camping sites will soon be improved, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announcing an \$116,000 State Government grant to install new composting toilets at Wooldridge Reserve.

Mr Marshall said efforts by Uralla Shire Council to modernise the site had finally struck gold. "Wooldridge Reserve is one of the few public areas in the Uralla Shire where people can try their luck at gold-panning," Mr Marshall said. "Nestled amongst the trees off Kingstown Road, the reserve is one of Uralla's best kept secrets, reminding us of what the area would have been like when the pioneers arrived during the gold rush. The site definitely gets plenty of use, with campers parked up most weeks and visitors looking to strike it rich on the banks of Rocky River."

"Visitors have been enjoying the two gas barbecues and picnic tables that were installed last year, with two old long-drop toilets completing the list of amenities. This grant will demolish those existing toilets and install two environmentally friendly, universally accessible composting toilets. As land managers, council has done a fantastic job promoting Wooldridge Reserve as a visitor destination. I hope these improvements will encouraged people to call in and try their luck finding a nugget."

Uralla Shire Deputy Mayor Bob Crouch said Wooldridge Reserve was one of three free camping spots in the Uralla Shire that visitors and locals alike can enjoy. Wooldridge Reserve is a popular spot for those wanting to enjoy a fossick by the river, bushwalk or a swim on a hot day," Cr Crouch said. "Extensive community consultation was undertaken for the Open Space Strategy which recommended the upgrade to Wooldridge Reserve.

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Cont. from p.10 Good, clean toilets is something we all look for when travelling, and it's wonderful council has been able to strike these funds to upgrade this important, and picturesque, site. The grant is a great opportunity to make the fossicking experience accessible to more people, who can hire their gold pans from Uralla Visitor Information Centre before they head down."

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands



Uralla Deputy Mayor Bob Crouch, left, and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall at Wooldridge Reserve.

Community Resolves To Fight

Community members from Balala to Kentucky are embarking on a fight to save their local environment from what they say is a foreign-owned company building an industrial-scale wind development on a large, well-known foreign-owned property in their midst.

'Kyabra' on the New England Highway, is the site of the majority of Stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub, proposed by French company Neoen. The proposal reached a new milestone this week, with the exhibition of its Environmental Impact Statement on the NSW Government's Major Projects website.

Community members formed the Friends of Kentucky Action Group in early 2020 to express their concerns about the proposal and research how the project might impact the local area. "Our group is pro-renewables, but we have a broad range of concerns with this proposal, including habitat destruction, soil erosion, irreversible ground water changes, and probably one of the biggest is the ability to receive aerial re-fighting support," said local landholder and Rural Fire Service volunteer Steve Johnston. "During the Black Summer fires, aerial support was critical in saving a number of homes and potentially lives across the project area."

Neighbours of the proposal are also concerned about the potential for the project to damage and further fragment the critically endangered ecological community of White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland, and the threatened species it supports, which is found across the project site and on many neighbouring properties. "This ecological community is listed as critically endangered under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999," said local grazier and

agriculture proponent, Craig Zirkler. "It's very important in supporting endangered species like the koala and Bell's Turtle, as well as a range of endangered plant species in the area," he said. But the local group is unsure if the legislation will be enough to protect this high value natural capital, or indeed their own livelihoods from the impacts of the development. The group says habitat destruction and fragmentation caused by the development, compounded by the significantly reduced ability to fight future fires aerially could have devastating impacts on the local koala population, negates all other efforts to protect this critically endangered ecological community.

Community members became alarmed when they realised the project's Environmental Impact Statement recorded numerous koala sightings on the very sites proposed for the turbines. "We know there are koalas in this district, as we've seen them on our own properties," said Craig. "And the State Government recognises that the Northern Tablelands is a koala refuge with climate change, so it makes no sense to further fragment these biodiverse timbered ridges with an additional 55 km of major gravel roads and an industrial-scale development, It's a unique environment that supports both grazing and many endangered species," he said.

Under the State Significant Development process, members of the public are given 28 to 45 days to make submissions or objections to a proposal. In this case, the public have been given only 28 days **with submissions closing as soon as 24th May 2022.**

Nicole Martin is a grazier and business owner who is a direct neighbour of the proposal. "The developer has taken three or four years to reach this stage of their proposal, all the while conducting a very lack-lustre community engagement process, and yet we are afforded only 28 days to read the two thousand pages of EIS documents and prepare our submissions," said Nicole. "At a time when we've been through a series of natural disasters in our region, and are still in recovery mode, we are time-poor, and this timeframe is unrealistic and frankly, it's unfair. We need 50 unique submissions on the proposal to go through the Major Projects website before 24th May and we are reaching out to community members who will be directly impacted by this industrial-scale development," she said.

The Friends of Kentucky Action Group are reaching out to residents in the districts of Kentucky, Wollun and Balala to assist them gain a better understanding of the issues. "This is not a done deal yet, but we need to help our local communities understand the details of this development and make submissions before it's too late," said Nicole.

Concerned citizens can make a submission on Stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub proposal before 24th May 2022 at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thunderbolt-wind-farm>. Postal submissions are also possible. For more information or for a copy of our concerns brochure contact **Marylin Wood 0473 656 561** or kentuckyactiongroup@gmail.com

Reopening Of Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre In New Premises At 66 Bridge St. Uralla

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre will be re-opening on Tuesday May 17th, in brand new premises at 66 Bridge St Uralla. Co-ordinator, Sue Manttan is looking forward to the Centre's reopening after its temporary closure due to moving to the new premises in Bridge St.

On Tuesday 17th a small opening ceremony will be held and will begin with a Welcome to Country from Uncle Les Townsend, a Smoking Ceremony, performed by Steve Ahoy, and the Centre will be opened by Acting Mayor Bob Crouch.

Ms Manttan has been busy over the past month coordinating with other services who will work from the new building and is looking forward to welcoming the community to the Community Neighbourhood Centre to access a wide variety of services including parenting advice and support from New England Family Support Service as well as Playgroups.

Armidale Family Support Service Inc. operates as Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre. We are delighted to announce the reopening of the Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre in a new building at 66 Bridge Street Uralla.

The new building has been recently repainted and fitted out. A number of community groups are planning to hold meetings and spend days at UCNC, which will make it easier for community members to access community services.

Funded by NSW Department of Communities & Justice, the Centre, like all other Community Neighbourhood Centres, provides information, advocacy and support, advice, and referral services to all families in town, and in the surrounding areas.

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre is looking forward to being able to organise and provide events in Uralla that bring people together, particularly farm families who are still being impacted by the recent drought, fires, storms, the mouse plague, and Covid-19.

There are a number of groups already operating programs and we look forward to suggestions and ideas from the community. UCNC participated in Youth Week activities in April and plans to incorporate Youth activities in its programs.

AFSS has been operating in New England for 35 years and we are a well-known and trusted charity. Look for the Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre at 66 Bridge St.

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We look forward to seeing you at the new premises in Bridge St.

For more information, please contact the Manager:
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L-R Co-ordinator of UCNC Sue Manttan,
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Running Wild – Dam Him All To Hell!

4. Recap. *The coach travellers were sweet pickings for the bandit gang. The Inn Keepers were of particular value while the petite young school teacher was allowed to keep her simple jewellery. The coach and its passengers had a tale to tell of the Captain, his gang and the hold-up up Inverell way, and so it went.*

The Begot brothers finished their tale by saying that the talk was that Constable Walker and his troopers were close to catching up with the Captain, and his days of ranging over the New England would soon be over. Sentiment for the bandits was varied, those that had little held him in high regard, those that had much, despised the man. The Inn Keepers of Inverell certainly had less now than they had after meeting Fred and his gang, on that fateful coach ride.

One late afternoon, as they were returning from working at the farm and reaching their mountain hut, a rider came out from the nearby tall timber. It was Constable Walker, although without the company of his mean-spirited troopers. Molly moved behind her mother and clung to her skirt for protection, only peering around when Walker drew close. He remained seated, spoke gently, and seemed less agitated than he had in previous encounters.

'Well Nellie', Fred has done it now, gone and robbed a Cobb & Co Coach, taken belongings from some very important people. Have you seen him lately he said ?' 'No', Nell answered looking down at her feet, which was the truth. It had been sometime since his last visit, in the company of a young boy called Tom. Walker asked whether there was anyone with him, but Nell just shook her head. Walker was then keen to know where Fred got his grog and dismounted to have a look around the hut. Molly knew the grog always came in earth jugs that were printed with black lettering, but as she couldn't read properly, their origin was a mystery to her.

Nell showed him to the pile of empty jugs out around the back of the hut. Walker picked through them handling and studying each jug intently. He scribbled in a small black leather-bound notebook, with a short red pencil. Molly found it amazing that his notebook and pencil seemed to appear from nowhere then as quickly, disappear after his few short scribbles. 'Nellie, has Fred said anything about this grog?' the Constable asked holding up one of the jugs, 'it's from the Royal Oak Inn up Split Rock way'. Nellie only knew that the jugs came with him, they drank from them and felt good for a while, but the next day not so much.

Constable Walker looked around the hut for some time before remounting and offered some parting advice, 'Nellie we're onto him, I know his haunts and it's only a matter of time until I'll have him. I'm not going to take him in alive for he's finished stealing from the good folk of the

New England. Best you and your girl make plans without him, hey', he said sincerely. Nell just nodded and Walker rode off. They both watched until Walker was finally out of sight. Nellie cursed out loud, 'Dam Him all to Hell!', they went inside to prepare the evening meal.

... to be continued

By Daryl Albertson

Superb Sunflower



"Image courtesy of Eve Flowers, Uralla"

Such a cheery flower and all structured on the magical Fibonacci number series ...

0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144,233, ... →

The centre of the sunflower is composed of many intersecting Fibonacci spirals of seeds, the total number of spirals and incredibly the total of seeds, all Fibonacci numbers!

And there's more! The number of those oh so cheery petals is 34, or 55, or 89, depending on the flower's size.

It demonstrates some fascinating behaviours, told to me by a commercial grower, not a Googler! In its nascent stage, each flower follows the sun east to west. If it rains, they droop their heads to keep their spirals dry. When it becomes overcast, they turn their faces to another to share their cheer, rather like the ladies in Moons Bakery!

The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine, a sad irony particularly when you realise that another Fibonacci flower, the chamomile, is the national flower of Russia. Both species will be appearing in the spring over there right now. How we wish that Putin would let the Fibonacci flowers, rather than bombs and missiles, do the talking.

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\$4,860 Back To Uralla Hamper Program

A Uralla based organisation which provided food packages to the vulnerable at the height of the pandemic has received a \$4,860 State Government grant, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall recently meeting members of Uralla Neighbourhood Centre to thank them for their care of the community.

The COVID Regional Community Support (CRCS) program provided grants of between \$1,000 and \$30,000 to organisations which partnered with Resilience NSW to deliver food/care hampers to community members during last year's lockdown.

Mr Marshall said the Neighbourhood Centre provided more than 135 packages to members of the community unable to access essential items for themselves.

"Once again in the very worst of circumstances the very best in human nature has shone through," Mr Marshall said. "Utilising existing charity networks the State Government was able to ensure the elderly, people living with a disability and those with underlying health conditions could still access essential items, while remaining in lockdown and away from the risk posed by COVID-19."

"This financial assistance from the State Government reimburses those organisations, helping them to cover some of the costs incurred, including fuel, couriers and logistics expenses."

"On behalf of the Uralla and Bundarra communities I want to thank volunteers and staff at the Neighbourhood Centre for stepping up and helping fellow neighbours when they needed it most."

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Chairperson Catherine Gallaher said the grant would allow the charity to continue offering hampers to those in need.

"This money is gratefully accepted and will mean we can keep offering residents doing it tough, access to affordable fresh fruit and vegetables," Mrs Gallaher said.

"In the face of rising cost of living pressures, the Neighbourhood Centre through our partnership with Foodbank Australia, intend on continuing the hamper service as the need exists.

Currently we have 317 food panty members, which just

goes to show how high demand is for services like ours." Uralla food pantry is open Mondays from 10am to 2pm. The food pantry provides access to low cost pantry food, bread, vegetables and fruit for anyone on a Centrelink benefit.

Adam Marshall
Member for Northern Tablelands

Please note: the Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre in Bridge Street is not associated with the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre in Salisbury Street - Editor.

For further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Ph: 6778 3277

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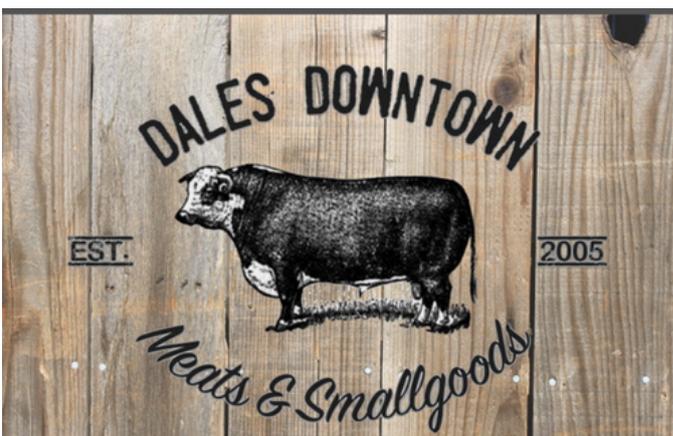
Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Chairperson Catherine Gallaher, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall & Secretary Kathy Dodd.



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